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September 24, 1970

Mr. Thomas A. Loney  
3530 Forrest Lane  
Park Forrest Plaza  
Dallas, Texas 75234

Dear Tom:

Thank you so much for spending as much time as you did with us last week. Sue and I thoroughly enjoyed the evening with you and appreciated the personal interest you took in us.

At the time of the dictation of this letter I still have not received the money, but as soon as it comes will send it on to you. Use it in the way you think best.

I have given a lot of thought to what you are doing with the house church in Dallas. I think you would be interested in re-reading Elizabeth O'Conner's book "Call to Commitment". This book, as you know, is a description of the Church of the Savior in Washington D.C. I especially remembered the kind of covenant that those who joined the Church of the Savior make with their fellow-members. I also remember that the church is not a big church, even today because of the very careful approach to this covenant by those who come into the church. The small number in your present group, coupled with the need for radical and open thinking and response to the task presented by Dallas, makes your group also a group that needs genuine internal discipline. O'Conner's book may show you some of the ways to find that kind of discipline and covenant.

I, also, have just finished reading an article by Paul Verghese in the September 23, 1970 issue of Christian Century called "A Sacramental Humanism." I think you would thoroughly enjoy reading this article, and could very well find some thoughts in it that would provide even more motivation for the effort you have undertaken.

Page 2, Mr. Thomas A. Loney

I want to urge you to keep from making any long-range commitments of this group to property or other methodology and philosophy. I am more convinced than ever that our exploding age requires a mobile church that can respond fully as the body of Christ, rather than as a cultural tradition-bound institution.

I hope that we do have some mutually beneficial relationships in business but look further opportunities of fellowship in Christ.

Fraternally yours,

John Allan Chalk

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PROPERTIES

September 19, 1970

Mr. John Allen Chalk  
5th & Highland Church of Christ  
5th & Highland  
Abilene, Texas

Dear John Allen:

I thousand thanks for your tremendous assistance in my business program. I will be working exceptionally hard to be sure you are as pleased about your involvement with us as I am pleased about your help.

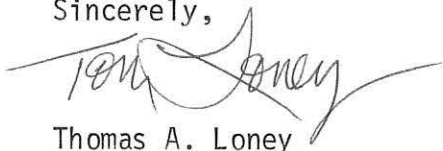
The exposure at our luncheon was profitable. I believe Dub Orr is a good prospect, and by the time you receive this note, I will have telephoned Bill Thompson. Eugene Henderson told me he was unable to consider anything until next summer at least.

Material should be in the hands of those on the list. I'll immediately report to you any response I have. Should you think of additional names, mail them to me.

I enjoyed the dinner with you and Sue, and I hope you will take seriously the invitation to visit Ruth and me in Dallas.

I am confident we are off to a great start in this mutual business venture. I'll await your total check - and then place you in the best spot.

Sincerely,



Thomas A. Loney

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P.S. Do you know Drs. Halbert and Willingham? If so, chat with them informally, and let me know what follow-ups to make.